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SUBJECT: EVENING REPORT

L. NORTH KOREA ADMITTED TO WHO - DESPITE VIGOROUS U. S. AND JAPANESE HELP, THE SOUTH KOREAN EFFORT TO OBTAIN POSTPONEMENT OF NORTH KOREA'S APPLICATION TO THE WHO WAS DEFEATED IN A SECRET BALLOT, 52:59:18. IT APPEARS THAT ONCE THE SOVIET UNION MOVED FOR A SECRET BALLOT, NO FURTHER DEBATE WAS POSSIBLE, CLOTURE HAVING BEEN VOTED JUST PREVIOUSLY. ( VIRTUALLY ALL THOSE ON WHOM WE HAD COUNTED TO VOTE FOR POSTPONEMENT DID SO; BUT IN THE SECRET VOTE THE NUMBER OF OPPONENTS WAS SWELLED BY AT LEAST 8- L0 WHO WOULD HAVE ABSTAINED IN A PUBLICLY RECORDED VOTE.) WITH POSTPONEMENT DEFEATED, NORTH KOREA WAS ADMITTED 66:4 L:22. THIS WILL ALMOST AUTOMATICALLY ENTITLE NORTH KOREA TO BE ADMITTED TO OBSERVER STATUS AT THE UN IN NEW YORK. IT IS ALSO CLEAR THAT THE TACTIC OF TRYING TO POSTPONE THE KOREAN ISSUES AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ALONG PREVIOUS LINES HAS NO CHANCE OF SUCCEEDING ANY MORE, AND THAT A COMPLETE REASSESSMENT OF OUR TACTICS ON KOREA AT THE NEXT UNGA IS NOW IN ORDER.

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED INDICATIONS FROM AMBASSADOR HABIB  
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THAT THE TOP LEVELS OF THE SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT ARE MOVING TOWARD ACCEPTANCE OF NORTH KOREAN PARTICIPATION IN UN ORGANIZATIONS AS WELL AS DUAL RECOGNITION.

2. WAR POWERS - BY A VOTE OF 15 TO 0 THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE TODAY VOTED OUT THE JAVITS WAR POWERS BILL, S. 440. THE BILL IS THE SAME AS THAT ADOPTED BY THE SENATE LAST YEAR, WHICH DIED IN CONFERENCE. AS HE DID LAST YEAR, CHAIRMAN FULBRIGHT TRIED TO MODIFY SECTION 3, WHICH ATTEMPTS TO DELINEATE THE SITUATIONS IN WHICH THE PRESIDENT CAN INTRODUCE THE ARMED FORCES INTO HOSTILITIES IN THE ABSENCE OF A DECLARATION OF WAR BY THE CONGRESS, ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT GIVES THE PRESIDENT GREATER AUTHORITY THAN HE NOW POSSESSES; HIS AMENDMENT FAILED BY A VOTE OF 4 TO 10. IN SPEAKING TO THE PRESS AFTER THE MEETING, SENATOR JAVITS PREDICTED THAT THIS WOULD BE ONLY THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS THE RESTORATION OF CONGRESS' ROLE VIS- A- VIS THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH.

THE FULL HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER THE NEW AND SUBSTANTIALLY STRENGTHENED ZABLOCKI BILL ON MAY 22.

3. BELLMON BREAKFAST ON CAMBODIA - MARSHALL WRIGHT AND ART HUMMEL ( CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS AND EAST ASIA, RESPECTIVELY) BREAKFASTED WITH SENATORS BELLMON, BARTLETT, DOMENICI, MCCLURE, ROTH, SCHWEIKER, STEVENS AND TAFT THIS MORNING. THE PURPOSE OF THE GATHERING WAS TO DISCUSS CAMBODIA. IT WAS PLAIN FROM THE EXCHANGE THAT THE SENATORS HAD NO CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF THE ADMINISTRATION' S PURPOSE IN CONTINUING THE BOMBING IN CAMBODIA AND TENDED TO VIEW IT AS AN ATTEMPT TO KEEP A FAVORABLE GOVERNMENT IN POWER IN PHNOM PENH. THEY WERE SOMEWHAT RESPONSIVE TO A VIGOROUS DEFENSE OF THE BOMBING AS AN ATTEMPT TO KEEP THE OVER- ALL SOUTHEAST ASIA AGREEMENT INTACT AND TO TEACH HANOI THAT IT COULD NOT, WITH IMPUNITY, IGNORE THE PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT. THE SENATORS WERE, HOWEVER, VIRTUALLY UNANIMOUS IN SAYING THAT THE PUBLIC SENTIMENT AGAINST THE BOMBING WAS OVERWHELMING.

4. CONFIRMATIONS - THE SENATE TODAY CONFIRMED THE FOL-  
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LOWING NOMINATIONS:

JACK B. KUBISCH - TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR  
INTER- AMERICAN AFFAIRS  
ROBERT J. MCCLOSKEY - TO BE AMBASSADOR TO CYPRUS  
PHILLIP V. SANCHEZ - TO BE AMBASSADOR TO HONDURAS  
MARSHALL WRIGHT - TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR

CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS

IT ALSO CONFIRMED THE FOREIGN SERVICE PROMOTION LIST AND

THE USIA PROMOTION LIST. RUSH

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